



Hair and Makeup Policy (2026)

Purpose

To provide clear expectations regarding hair and makeup for students, supporting their safety, wellbeing and readiness to learn, while upholding the inclusive and secular values of the school community.

Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled at Tailem Bend Primary School.

Policy Statement

- **Inclusivity and Respect:**

The school recognises the diverse backgrounds of our students and upholds the principles of no discrimination based on cultural, religious, or personal appearance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to support students' cultural and religious needs.

- **Hair:**

- Hair should be neatly presented and well-groomed.
- For health and safety reasons, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back while at school or involved in school activities.
- Hair accessories should be simple and in school uniform colours, unless worn for cultural or religious reasons.
- Hair must not be coloured in unnatural shades.
- Unusual or extreme hairstyles or designs (e.g. mohawks) are discouraged.
- Students engaged in practical activities (eg PE, science, technology) may be required to tie hair back or use additional safety equipment.

- **Makeup:**

- Makeup is not permitted to be worn at school for primary aged students.
- Clear or lightly tinted lip balm may be worn for medical reasons (eg chapped lips).
- Fake (acrylic) nails are not permitted.

- **Special Considerations:**

- On special event days (e.g. Book Week, school performances, sports day, fundraising days), exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the principal. Notice will be provided to families in advance.
- Any request for exemption from this policy (eg for medical, religious or cultural reasons) should be discussed with the principal.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Students: Are expected to comply with the policy.
- Parents/Carers: Support students in following the policy and communicate with the school regarding concerns or requests for exemptions.
- School Staff: Consistently uphold and apply the policy, and address issues with sensitivity and respect.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in consultation with the School Governing Council every three years or as required.